

REDS IN PETROGRAD THREATENED

MORE FOOD FOR NATION; PROFIT FOR PRODUCERS

Farmers' Union of State Meets Today to Consider Economic Problems of Farmer

2500 MEMBERS SENDING DELEGATES TO BISMARCK

Annual Conference Opened at Commercial Club this Morning —Hagan Makes Talk

"Patriotism and cooperation" were the keynotes which Secretary George N. Keniston of the Bismarck Commercial club gave the convention in welcoming the delegates of the North Dakota Farmers' Union on behalf of the city of Bismarck this morning. Cooperation with every interest that touches the farmer was urged. The speaker said when it came to "big business" the farmer had no cause for fear, for he represented the big, single "big business" in the world. He advocated the right of the farmer and the necessity of the farmer organizing not only for protection but for promotion.

More food for the nation and a more equitable proportion of the profits of production for the producer are economic problems which delegates representing 2,500 active North Dakota farmers took under consideration at the Commercial club rooms at 9 o'clock this morning, when the North Dakota Farmers' Educational & Co-Operative union began its fourth annual convention in this city.

In spite of cold weather and delayed trains, scores of delegates had arrived in the city and were ready and eager for the opening session. The crisis which faces the nation, and in which the farmer must play so prominent a part; recent legislation directly affecting the farmer; the regulation of the prices which he may receive for his product; the supreme necessity for a bumper crop utilizing every acre of arable land in 1918; the financial stringency resulting from the two poor seasons which have been suffered in some sections of the state—all of these are factors which tend to make this great annual conclave of real farmer-epochal.

Convention Organized. The convention met and organized at 9 o'clock and then listened to an interesting address from Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor John N. Hagan on the general subject of cooperation.

The appointment of committees for the period of the convention and for the ensuing year followed. This afternoon reports will be received from standing committees named "on the good of the order."

Government Expert.

Thursday the delegates will have the pleasure of listening to a government expert sent all the way from Washington for this convention by the United States speakers' bureau. Secretary Shipley has been in communication with the speakers' bureau for the last ten days, and has been assured that a speaker will be here for tomorrow, although the name of the man who is coming has not been announced.

Reports of committees and the election of officers will consume the remainder of tomorrow's sessions. No entertainment programs have been planned. Because of the unseasonable cold all of the delegates are anxious to close up their business as promptly as possible and get back to their stock and other farm interests. Everyone here is enthusiastic over the future of the Farmers' union and heartily in accord with the executive committee's plans for a thorough campaign which is expected to at least double the membership during the ensuing year.

Whole State Represented.

President R. J. Montgomery, of Tappan, who has been in the city for several days co-operating with Secretary D. H. Shipley in planning the annual sessions, predicts that unless the weather man proves particularly ungracious from 500 to 700 delegates will be in attendance. The whole state will be represented, and from the Slope region will come not only scores of duly elected delegates but dozens of visitors who always make it a point to attend these conventions for the liberal education which they provide.

Bismarck the Center.

George Sorber of Gladstone is vice president and D. E. Shipley of Bismarck is secretary of the state organization. Bismarck is in a general way state headquarters, a majority of the business of the union being transacted from this city. The union has a large central warehouse and co-operative implement distributing plant here, and it is planning to make Bismarck its center for co-operative purchasing for the entire state.

Old Timers Active.

Many of the Slope's oldest and most progressive farmers—such men as William E. Breen, of Bismarck, who is a member of the state executive committee; Commissioner Elmer O. Ward; Albin Hedstrom, of Wilton—are active in the councils of the Farmers' union. The convention which begins in the Commercial club hall this forenoon will be a reunion of men who have done more than probably any other of their class to make

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Capital Again Tastes Arctic Temperatures

After one day's decency, in which he visited Bismarck with the comparatively reasonable low of 11 degrees under zero, old Jack Frost relapsed into his bad ways last night, and sent the mercury scooting down to 24 below, within two degrees of the record, cold weather established earlier in the week.

Fargo was not alone in suffering. At Edmonton it was 40 below last night; at Prince Albert 36 below, and at Swift Current 32 below. Moosehead was four degrees warmer than Bismarck, and Williston was two degrees colder. Winnipeg shivered in 28 below zero temperatures.

Weather Observer Roberts promises more cold weather for tonight, but predicts a trifle warmer weather for Thursday. A "high pressure" area is now central over North Dakota and Montana, bringing with it temperatures ranging from 12 below at Miles City to 40 below in Alberta. South Dakota is comparatively fortunate, with six below at Pierre and Huron. Its average low temperatures for the last 24 hours.

Around noon today it was 15 below, then the government observatory recorded a few degrees warmer by mid-afternoon, when the mercury again began to sink, with prospects for another cold night.

The cold has come on so unexpectedly that it has found many householders unprepared, and Capital City plumbers are working day and night in an effort to meet the demands made on them for the repair of frost damaged.

The capitol today found itself facing a fuel famine. There is no lack of coal in Bismarck, but there is great difficulty in finding teamsters to haul it to the state house. Everyone wants coal at once, and the capitol has been forced to wait its turn with other consumers.

INDIAN SCHOOL BLOWS UP; TOO MUCH PRESSURE

Large Boiler in Heating System Explodes, Partially Wrecking Fine Building

One of the large buildings of the Bismarck Indian school was badly damaged between 6 and 7 this morning when a big boiler in the furnace room blew up. Some of the basement walls were blown out; the first floor was lifted from its moorings, and doors and windows throughout the building were blown out.

Chief Martineau and Deputy Sheriff Welch were called upon to investigate, the caretaker first believing that an internal machine was responsible for the damage. A careful investigation convinced the officers that the explosion was due to natural causes. The damage will run very high.

Caretaker Scrupulous.

The caretaker at the Indian school is inclined to question whether the explosion was due simply to the bursting of the big tank. It is true that the top of the water tank is blown off, he says, but he doubts whether the force of this explosion would have been sufficient to wreck the entire building in the manner done.

"It smoked when it went off," said the caretaker, over the telephone to The Tribune.

The Indian school was closed a few weeks ago by order of the department of the interior, as a measure of economy, and a caretaker was left in charge. This morning's explosion occurred in the basement of the main building, to which the caretaker estimates damage of \$1,500.

Chief of Police Martineau stands pat on his claim that it was clearly a boiler explosion, and that no internal machine or bomb can be charged with the damage. The caretaker was in another building at the time of the blow-up.

TRADING STAMP TEST SUIT NOW BEING ARGUED

Case Brought to Supreme Court on Writ of Habeas Corpus to Try New Law

Arguments in the suit brought by Theodore Olson, agent for a trading stamp concern, to test the legality of North Dakota's new trading stamp law, enacted at the last session of legislature, under which a heavy license fee is exacted from companies wishing to deal in trading stamps in this state, are in progress in supreme court this afternoon. The case comes to supreme court on a writ of habeas corpus from the Cass county district court, Andrew Ross, sheriff of Cass, being the respondent.

500 BLIND IN HALIFAX FROM MUNITION BLAST

As Relatives are Reunited the Death List is Cut Down—Estimated Dead 1,800

200 CHILDREN HAVE LOST THEIR PARENTS

Relief System is Being Organized Rapidly and Shelters Are Provided

Halifax, Dec. 12.—A revised estimate today of the explosion casualties reduced the death list to approximately 1,800. The known dead total 800 and it is believed that not more than 1,000 bodies and perhaps only 900 still lie under the debris of shattered and burned buildings.

The list of victims is steadily becoming smaller as relatives are reunited and refugees who left the city return.

From 300 to 500 persons are totally or partly blind, and 200 children have each lost both parents, according to the American and Canadian workers investigating the situation.

The Boston relief ship Austin entered the harbor today.

Duplication in Counts.

The formidable estimate of casualties made during the hours immediately after the explosion apparently was due, it developed today, to the fact that some of the bodies were counted several times. Relief workers explained that today's revised figures are not final as many entire families were destroyed no members being alive to report such losses.

It is estimated that 500 houses are wrecked beyond repair, that 500 others were totally destroyed and that another 1,000 can be restored to use.

Some of the inhabitants who were injured by explosion, fire, or tidal wave have not received medical attention up to this morning and the relief system is being reorganized so they may receive necessary aid at once. In one shelter in Dartmouth, investigators found 300 men, women and children.

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FUNERAL SERVICES.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 12.—Funeral services over the remains of the late Mrs. H. B. Allen, prominent Jamestown woman and former teacher in the Fargo public schools, were conducted here today. Interment was made in Highland Home cemetery.

Standing Rock Reservation Defendant Must Serve Time as Horse Thief

A federal court grand jury Tuesday found Joseph Couture of Standing Rock reservation not guilty of stealing horses from Mrs. Hooting Owl, but after a deliberation of several hours it convicted the young defendant of stealing ponies from Take-the-Shield. Couture was tried on both indictments at once, and was found guilty on the second only. The defendant had been tried on similar charges in four other cases. In this last trial 34 witnesses were introduced by the state. A majority of them were Indian, and the evidence was taken through an interpreter. Couture has not yet been sentenced.

The McDowell perjury case, growing out of a former Couture trial, will go to the jury this afternoon. Judge Wade will make an effort to complete the criminal calendar tomorrow, and if this is possible, Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare, convicted under the espionage act, will receive her sentence tomorrow.

COFFEY TO COME THURSDAY TO TRY TOM HALL'S CASE

Trial of Secretary of State on Embezzlement Charge Again Postponed a Day

The Hall case this morning was again set over in district court until Thursday morning, when it was announced Judge Coffey of Jamestown will be here to preside. Whether the state will again move for a change of venue is not definitely known, but apparently the disposition of the prosecution is to proceed with the trial without further delay. At the test, the necessity of subpoenaing so many state officials and employees as witnesses for one side or the other is going to handicap work at the capitol, and should it become necessary to transport all of these witnesses to some other district, the expense to the state and the interference with the state's business would become enormous.

No Furlough For Men At Camp Dodge

Washington, Dec. 12.—Men of the national army will not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within trolley distance of their commands, the war department has decided.

Secretary Davis, in an announcement today, assigned the harmful effect the general leave would have on camp discipline, and the heavy burdens it would throw on the railroads as the reasons for the department's action.

Camp Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 12.—An announcement by the war department that national army men would not be given Christmas furloughs unless they live within trolley distance of the commands seriously affects the conditions in this camp. It had been planned to give half the men here, dividing them into two groups, one for Christmas and the other for New Years.

Very few men have homes within the trolley distance.

SLIGHT DAMAGE IN MUNITION PLANT BLAZE

Fire Brakes Out in Shell Loading Department of Bethlehem Steel Company

FLAMES CAUSE EXPLOSION NO SERIOUS CASUALTIES

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—Fire broke out this morning in a shell loading department of the Bethlehem Steel company's munitions plant, a short distance below Newcastle, Dela. At 9:15 a. m. the fire was reported to be coming from every building.

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96 BOWMAN COUNTY FARMERS WILL SUE ON DROUGHT CHARGE

Unable to Obtain Agreement with Company, Policy-Holders Appeal to Courts

Bowman farmers who attempted to compromise with the Bankers' Insurance Co. of Helena, Mont., on their drought claims, failed to procure an agreement which they regarded satisfactory, and Insurance Commissioner A. S. Olness from the various county auditors. But four bonds have been issued to date, but data is being accumulated in the office of the commission which will prepare the department to handle the immense amount of business which will come with the expiration of the surety bonds for which a majority of the counties have contracted on a two-year basis.

PREPARES FOR RUSH STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER Lists Officers Needing Bonds

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Washington, Dec. 12.—The next step in the solution of the transportation problem was looked for today in the outcome of two conferences, one between President Wilson and members of the railroad war board, and the other between Chairman Willard of the war industries board, and head of the four railroad employees' brotherhoods.

The president, in his first house utterance on the situation, authorized the statement yesterday that he could not say now whether he would address congress but if he determined a change necessary, in dealing with the transportation system, his first word would be directed to congress.

At today's hearing, federal control over railroad securities was endorsed by Carl D. Jackson, of the Wisconsin state railroad commission. This, he said, should be done either through a licensing system or some other means, which would prevent further issuance of securities by railroads without the consent of the Interstate Commerce commission.

D. E. O'Brien, proprietor of the Home Telephone Exchange at Sykeston, complained to the rail board that the New Home Telephone Co. is planning to build local and toll lines paralleling his. He advises there is not enough business at Sykeston for two companies, and notes that he has received authority from the railway commission to operate, while the New Home Telephone Co., he claims, has ignored the commission entirely. Secretary Alderson has written the new concern suggesting that it kindly get off the earth and advising that if it attempts to construct wire lines and operate without first filing a petition with the rail board it will be prosecuted for the violation of a state law which is very explicit on this subject.

ORGANIZE COMPANY.

Washington, Dec. 12.—At the request of Food Administrator Hoover, President Wilson will issue within the next few days a proclamation reducing the alcoholic content of beer to two and three quarters per cent. The use of grain for brewing will be cut by the order about thirty per cent.

The proclamation has been held up pending a decision as to whether the percentage should be based upon volume or upon weight. It finally was decided to set a weight standard to protect brewers of ales and stouts in whose heavier product the alcoholic content runs higher by volume.

With the alcoholic content measured by weight, it is said, there actually will be about 3 per cent of alcohol in beer figured by volume.

BERLIN SAYS RUSS ARMIES DEMOBILIZING

Washington, Dec. 12.—Railroad shopmen on transcontinental lines throughout the northwest as well as members of local unions voted today on the proposal to accede to the call for a general walkout of union men tomorrow in support of the strike contemplated by the traction employees.

It was said shops from St. Paul to the coast might be closed in the event of a decision favorable to their plans. Contracts and wage agreements with the railroads, they declared, would be disregarded on the ground that the constitutional rights of labor unions are involved in the traction controversy. The result of the vote will not be announced until midnight.

Saloons in St. Paul and Minneapolis will be closed tomorrow in the event of a general walkout, Governor Burnquist indicated today.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 12.—Several local unions that have not yet voted on the question of striking tomorrow, in sympathy with Twin City street car men, who are demanding permission to wear their union buttons, held a meeting today to take action on the matter.

In the meantime, big industries were making plans to meet the tieup threatened by the order for sympathetic strikes decided upon by representatives of allied unions in the Twin Cities. Labor leaders have declared that every effort will be made to maintain order. Nevertheless, the authorities have been taking unusual precautionary measures and in addition the several hundred deputy sheriffs who have been sworn in a number of home guard companies will be placed on duty at various points in the city immediately after the strike order becomes effective.

Representatives of all the Russian fronts started tonight for Brest-Litovsk to resume the armistice negotiations with the Germans.

Lieutenant Colonel Fokke, the general staff member of the armistice committee, informed the Associated Press that the delegation would consist of 13 members, including General Skalok, one representative from each of the northern, western, southwestern Rumanian-Russian and Rumanian armies. M. Alataer, the naval representative, and five political delegates.

Lieutenant Colonel Fokke believes that the Germans will make considerable concessions and will even consent to leave Moon Sound. The Germans have eliminated the demand that Russian troops leave Macedonia and France, because the Russian delegates said these armies were not under their control.

At a preliminary meeting on Saturday, organized by the representatives of the army and navy, to discuss the armistice, the general trend of their remarks was that the Russians would fight to a finish if the Germans refused to conclude a peace on honorable terms.

ARMISTICE SIGNED.

Jassy, Rumania, Monday, Dec. 10.—Official announcement was made today of the signing of an armistice in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 p. m. yesterday until further notice.

CLASH WITH REDS.

London, Dec. 12.—Reports of fighting at Mohilev, Russian general quarters, between troops newly arrived there and the Bolshevik garrison were received in Petrograd Monday, according to the correspondent of the Times in the Russian capital. It is also reported that shock battalions and cossacks advancing on Mohilev clashed with the Bolsheviks, who were defeated.

PREPARES FOR RUSH

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Lists of every county and township officer

NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AND DRY ISSUES UP IN CONGRESS

House Yet to Act on Prohibition and Both Houses to Consider Women's Cause.

IN CASE OF ACTION STATES AVE 7 YEARS
Both Houses Curious as to Departmental Plans for the War.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Constitutive amendments for nationwide woman suffrage and prohibition were placed before the house for action today by the judiciary committee, which reported both resolutions.

The prohibition resolution already has passed the senate and requires only passage in the house to submit it to the states. The suffrage resolution, however, has not yet passed the test in both houses.

The judiciary committee amended both resolutions to the effect that unless the states ratify them within seven years from the date of their adoption in congress, they shall die.

The prohibition amendment will become effective one year after the date of its ratification.

GETTING IN TOUCH.

Both Houses Seek Full Information on War Activities.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Steps were initiated in congress today to obtain fuller information about and establish closer connection with the government war activities, past and future.

A general inquiry into the work of the war department, especially in arming and equipping the nation's man power, was ordered by the senate military committee. Capitol leaders said it was the forerunner of similar investigations by both senate and house committees which would in a measure accomplish the purpose of the proposed joint committee "for the conduct of the war." The joint committee idea was abandoned at the last session because of President Wilson's opposition.

The Navy Department.

Inquiries by standing congressional committees into the navy department's activities and the work of the shipping board and other wartime agencies of the government were said to be contemplated with a view to securing the greatest possible efficiency in prosecution of the war.

The inquiry will begin tomorrow, when General Crozier, chief of ordnance, will appear before the senate committee at Secretary Baker's direction, to testify regarding ordnance manufacture and supply. Secretary Baker and general staff officers, as well as departmental and field commanders, will follow. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, said much of the testimony would be given in executive session, though some of the sessions would be public.

Lack of Clothing and Ordinance.

The decision to inquire into the war department's operations came after two hours' discussion of reports from senators who have visited army camps. Senators told of conditions observed and reported to them, especially regarding lack of clothing and ordnance and unsatisfactory sanitary conditions.

It is understood the committee, headed of large quotas of men in camps lacking overcoats and winter clothing, of ordnance shortage, resulting in the use of broomsticks for rifles and wooden makeshifts for cannon. The alleged clothing shortage and its possible relation to the large number of pneumonia cases in the cantonments were discussed.

Reports that soldiers have been crowded into trains and not properly rationed, and contracts for building cantonments and furnishing supplies are other matters to be investigated.

Inquiry Constructive.

That the purpose of the army inquiry is constructive and not critical was emphasized by Senator Chamberlain and others.

He said it is proposed to inquire if any mistakes

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FORTY THOUSAND UNION MEN IN ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS JOIN STRIKE IN DEFENSE OF BUTTON

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 12.—A general strike of all organized labor in St. Paul and Minneapolis has been called for 10 o'clock Thursday morning to support the union street car men who were dismissed from the Twin City Rapid Transit company for their refusal to take off their union buttons while on duty after being ordered to do so by the public safety commission.

The call for the general walkout was issued by the executive committee representing Twin City labor unions after a six hour conference with the business agents of all unions. This action is expected to be ratified by the various unions, representing 40,000 workers.

Decision to call a general strike was reached when the federal government refused to intervene in the street car controversy following Governor Burnquist's refusal to permit ex-governor John Lind, now in Washington to represent state officials in conferences.

Fifteen hundred home guards are being held in St. Paul for any emergency in connection with the threatened strike, and Adjutant General Rhinow announced tonight that martial law would be declared in the Twin Cities in case the situation develops to a point where county officials are unable to cope with it.

INTERVENTION AT STANDSTILL
Federal Aid in Street Railway Controversy Slow in Coming.

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Big local industries tonight began making preparations to meet the walkout of union men Thursday in sympathy with several hundred Twin City street car employees who are idle because of refusal to abide by a ruling of the state public safety commission that they discontinue wearing their union buttons.

While speculation varied considerably as to the extent of the strike, in event the order decided upon by labor leaders in St. Paul is carried out, it was admitted on all sides that a serious industrial tie-up undoubtedly would result.

Local labor leaders declared that a majority of the allied unions in both Minneapolis and St. Paul already have voted to strike in support of the union Carmen and that unions which

have been made, extravagance or errors committed, and to assist in preventing their repetition, as well as securing the greatest possible future of efficiency.

"We propose to have 'punch' put in to the war preparations if they need it," said another member of the committee, "to have new and young men blood and methods supplant old, if necessary, and to insure the greatest future efficiency."

REED UTTERS WARNING.

Webb Bill Destructive of Anti-Trust Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Warning that the United States must prepare to assume further burdens to win the war was given today in the senate by Senator Reed in vigorously opposing as a trust scheme the Webb export combination bill, which President Wilson in his recent address urged congress to enact.

Declaring that congress should concentrate upon great war problems before consideration of such legislation as the export trade measure, the Missouri senator said that with Russia out of the war and Rumania also "gone" the enemy, numerically, is now inferior in man power.

Although an opponent of army conscription, Senator Reed predicted that new draft levies probably would be necessary and urged military training for youths between 18 and 21 for coast defense work. Invasion of America, he asserted, was not beyond the realms of impossibilities should other allied powers fall beside Russia, Rumania and Serbia.

The Webb bill was denounced by Senator Reed as destructive of the Sherman anti-trust law at best of trusts and monopolies, and proposed legalizing of illegal combinations which would encroach on consumers abroad, and increase domestic prices

LA FOLLETTE CASE.

Committee Undecided on Question of Procedure.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Another hitch developed today to further postpone the senate elections committee's inquiry into Senator La Follette's St. Paul speech. The committee today discussed whether further investigation would be made by its sub-committee or the full committee, which will meet next week to decide the question of procedure and deferred for the present the proposed examination of former Secretary Bryan.

WOMEN LETTER CARRIERS INSTITUTE SERVICE WITH ZERO WEATHER HOVERING

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—With the thermometer at one degree above zero, Chicago's first female letter carriers began their first day's service today. At 6:30 this morning, before it had become daylight, seven of the nine women who have been named as experimental to test the feasibility of postal women, appeared at the various branches of the post-office.

They bore their sacks of mail through the day without complaining and seemed untroubled by the warning of them that Thursday's and Friday's magazine days, would see their burden twice as heavy.

They have not yet voted on the question will do so at meetings tomorrow. They assert that 40,000 workers in the two cities will respond to the strike call.

Hope of federal intervention or possible revocation of the safety commission's order has been abandoned.

Several hundred deputy sheriffs who were called into service after the recent outbreak of rioting in St. Paul were assigned to various districts here tonight and will be reinforced by companies of home guards tomorrow.

Street car service continued in all parts of the city and between Minneapolis and St. Paul.

PLANS ARE LAID.

Federal Government Refuses to Mix in Controversy.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Efforts of Minnesota labor leaders here to effect federal intervention in the proposed strike of 23,000 men at Minneapolis and St. Paul Thursday morning, so far have proved unsuccessful. Neither the war nor labor departments had decided tonight to take action, and the conference between the labor men and Samuel Gompers, as chairman of the labor committee of the council of national defense, was without tangible results. The conference, however, will be continued tomorrow.

It was said here today that the proposed walkout, in sympathy with striking street railway employees, would seriously affect railroad shops working on equipment for western roads and those who have interested themselves in its prevention have appealed to government officials on the ground of threatening crippling of transportation. Those in close touch with the situation, however, were of the opinion that no government action would be taken until the strike is effective and there has been time to judge its seriousness.

John Lind, former governor of Minnesota and a member of the state's Public Safety commission, who is in Washington on private business, was called into conference today with Secretary Baker and Assistant Secretary of Labor Post, of the labor department, to discuss the situation, but it was said later that action by neither department was contemplated at this time.

A telegraphic request from Mr. Gompers to governor Burnquist of Minnesota that Mr. Lind be given authority to negotiate with federal officials on the situation was refused today by the governor.

ALAXANDER AND KILLIFER ANNEXED BY THE CUBS FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

Size of the Check Paid for New Battery Takes Weeghman's Breath Away.

STAR TWIRLER WINS 30 GAMES PER SEASON

New York, Dec. 12.—The biggest baseball deal in some seasons was completed here today when the Philadelphia National league club sold Pitcher Alexander and Catcher Wm. Killifer to the Chicago National league club for a cash consideration and a Cub battery. The money involved is said to be considerably in excess of \$50,000, and the two Chicago players who will wear Philadelphia uniforms next season are Pitcher Prendergast and Catcher Dilhofer.

There is a wartime clause to the deal which presents a remote possibility that the contract might fall through, as the agreement contains a rider to the effect that in case either Alexander or Killifer is drafted any time previous to thirty days before the opening of the 1918 national league season, the deal shall be automatically cancelled.

President Weeghman, of the Chicago club, demanded that this clause be incorporated in the deal in order to protect his club against the possibility of the loss of one or both of the Cubs' new stars in case they should be drafted for army or navy service. Neither Weeghman nor President Baker, of the Philadelphia club, would state the amount of money involved in the transaction, but Weeghman remarked that the size of the check "took his breath away," when he signed it.

From other sources it was reported that the sum was in excess of \$50,000 that changed hands when Eddie Collins was sold to the Chicago Americans by the Philadelphia Athletics and a similar amount paid by the Cleveland Americans for the services of Tris Speaker.

Alexander and Killifer have been the star battery of the Philadelphia club for several seasons and Alexander's work in the box has been little short of phenomenal. He has been the mainstay of the Phillies' twirling squad in recent years, averaging close to thirty winning games a season. Alexander is a master of both speed and control, and in addition is one of the brainiest pitchers in the game.

It was due in part to his box work that the Philadelphia club has been a pennant contender until the closing days of the past few seasons. Killifer ranks almost as high as a catcher as Alexander does as a pitcher. Baseball authorities expressed the opinion here

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With the American Army in France, Sunday, Dec. 9.—Regiments of a newly arrived division had their first experience today with an artillery barrage when they followed one in sweeping over theoretical German trench which had been named the Von Kluck line. So well has the artillery been trained that the high explosive shells burst with clock like regularity ahead of the advancing troops, as if the artillery had been conducting barrage fire for years. There was not a hitch anywhere in the firing, which

tonight that the acquisition of this battery was worth close to twenty games a season to Chicago as long as Alexander and Killifer maintain their season's form.

QUAKERS SHOCKED.

Fans Much Disappointed at Loss of Star Aggregation.

Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 12.—The sale of the Philadelphia national league club's star battery to the Chicago Cubs came as a great surprise, not to say disappointment to the fans of this city. There have been rumors that the club would dispose of Catcher Killifer, probably to Chicago, but there was not the slightest intimation that Alexander was to go.

It was known the management was not satisfied with Killifer's actions last season in regard to increased salary demands. The club had trouble in signing both men to contracts at the beginning of the season, Killifer finally accepting a reduction and Alexander signing a leave for the west Thursday.

Ladies—If your hubby, brother or son won't tell him Klein, tailor and cleaner—why not surprise him at Christmas with a new suit or overcoat. We Tribune want ads will bring results.

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PIONEER KILLED WHEN CAR BUMPS LUMBER WAGON

Billy Douglas, Prominent in vicinity of Beach, has Brains Dashed Out.

Beach, N. D., Dec. 12.—Billy Douglas, of near Carlyle, a pioneer settler of Golden Valley, was immediately killed when his skull was crushed in a collision between a Ford car driven by his son, Fred, and a wagon loaded with lumber. The Douglases were returning from Baker Mont. where the elder had been on jury service when the lights of the car refused to work. They procured a lantern which they strapped on in front and they were running with this light when they crashed into a lumber wagon at the base of a steep hill. The deceased was 53 years old and is survived by his widow and five children, all of whom reside near Carlyle. He was one of the directors of the Beach Cooperative Mercantile Co.

PLEADS GUILTY.
Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 12.—Paul Cysewski, young farm hand employed on a farm near Courtenay during the summer months, pleaded guilty to grand larceny in district court and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to three years in the state penitentiary by Judge J. A. Coffey. Cysewski is alleged to have taken a load of grain owned by Caspar Wojick and disposed of it at the Courtenay Elevator Co.

MILITANTS WANT \$400,000.
Commissioners of District and Jailor Sued.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Eight damage suits for \$10,000 each were filed today against the three commissioners who govern the District of Columbia, and the superintendent of the jail here, by the woman's party militants recently imprisoned for picketing the White House. The women charge asault and conspiracy.

MORE FOOD FOR NATION
(Continued From Page One)

North Dakota the solid, safe agricultural state which it is today. Bismarck a Pioneer.

Bismarck is a pioneer in Farmers' union work. The first local in the state was organized here not quite four years ago, and it was at a convention in this city that a state organization was formed two years ago. The union has an organization in 27 states, with a total membership of more than five million farmers.

NEW LOAN SOCIETY
Farmers of Taylor Meet and Form Federal Association.

Taylor, N. D., Dec. 12.—The Taylor Farm Loan bank association was organized at a meeting of farmers held Monday at the Taylor State bank. A number of applications for loans have been received.

Keep your Stomach and Liver Healthy
A vigorous Stomach, perfect working Liver and regular acting Bowels, if you will use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They correct Constipation—have a tonic effect on the system—eliminate poisons through the Bowels. 25c.

Special Offering on Christmas Victrolas

Our stock of Victrolas is as complete as it will be this year. Owing to freight congestion, it is very probable no more of these beautiful instruments will be received. Read these extra special offers and buy now.

Victrola IX
Including 6 double records, (12 selections) 10 inch \$62.00
\$5.00 cash, \$6.00 per month without interest

Victrola X
Including 10 double records, (20 selections) 10 inch \$92.50
\$5.00 cash, \$9.00 per month without interest

Victrola XIV
Including 12 double records, (24 selections) 10 inch \$119.00
\$5.00 cash, \$11.00 per month without interest

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Including 15 double records (30 selections) 10 inch \$176.25
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Including 18 double records, (36 selections) 10 inch \$228.50
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FOUR HUNDRED WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS ASSEMBLE FOR MARCH ON CAPITOL

Forty Ninth Annual Convention of American Association at Washington.

MEMBERS RECEIVE

SUFFS IN OFFICES

Washington Dec. 12—Four hundred women gathered here for the 49th convention of the National American Woman Suffrage association will march on the capitol tomorrow to present arguments to their state congressional delegations in favor of the passage of the federal suffrage amendment reported today by the house judiciary committee without recommendation.

Senators from each state will receive women from their states in their offices, it was announced, and all the members of the house have been invited to attend their respective state hearings.

The executive council, it was learned today, probably will recommend to the convention that if the suffrage amendment is defeated at this session, the association enter the congressional election next year in an effort to elect enough members favorable to suffrage to insure passage of the amendment by the succeeding congress.

The principal social event of the convention was a reception tonight in honor of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the national president, and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president.

FOOD CROP VALUES SHOW BANNER YEAR; COTTON IS FROSTED

Production Net Up to Mark on Account of Late Spring and Untimely Cold.

WHEAT CROP SHORT

9 MILLION BUSHELS

Washington, Dec. 12—Food crop generally with the exception of wheat established records in production this year and their value far exceeds that of other years. Cotton, however, caught by an early frost, suffered a sensational loss of approximately \$3 million bales from early estimates.

Wheat crop, because of dry weather and the shortness of the season, due to early frosts, curtailed production of many crops.

Final estimates announced today by the department of agriculture show the great corn crop to have been damaged to the extent of about 300,000 bushels by frost, nevertheless corn production established a record this year with 2,179,494,000 bushels, while its value, also a record, is \$1,572,000.

The wheat crop shows a decrease of about 9,000,000 bushels from previous forecasts. This year's crop is estimated at 650,828,000 bushels and its value at \$44,72,000.

Oats is a record crop with 1,587,286,000 bushels and a value of \$1,061,427,000.

The potato crop is the largest ever grown, with a total of 4,427,36,000 bushels valued at \$143,867,000.

Other crops whose production establishes records are rye, sweet potatoes, beans, onions, cabbage and tobacco.

SOUTH SIDE BOYS FOUND GUILTY OF BURGLING STORE

Ellsworth Finlayson and William Skeggs Convicted by Jury—

Devlin Case Now On

Ellsworth Finlayson and William Skeggs, charged with robbing the Weinstein grocery, south of the tracks, were convicted by a district court jury after a short deliberation this morning. The two young men, apprehended by Chief Martineau, were bound over to district court by Police Magistrate Blackeld. It was alleged that they entered the basement of the Weinstein establishment and made away with a considerable quantity of groceries and other stock.

The first named defendant sat at the bar at the side of his father, Frank Finlayson, who is himself defendant at this term of court in a bootlegging action.

Nat Devlin, another defendant who is little more than a boy, now is on trial on a charge of bootlegging.

WANTED—Young lady, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 909, 910, 91

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WEATHER REPORT.

for 24 hours ending at noon Dec. 12.
Temperature at 7 a. m. -24
Temperature at noon -19
Highest yesterday -11
Lowest yesterday -11
Lowest last night -24
Precipitation Trace
Highest wind velocity 15-NW

FORECAST.

for North Dakota: Generally fair to
night and Thursday; continued cold
tonight; not quite so cold west portion
Thursday.

Lowest
Temperatures

Fargo -20
Williston -26
Pierre -6
St. Paul -2
Winnipeg -23
Helsinki -18
Chicago -6
St. Paul -2
Kansas City -2
San Francisco -2

ORRIS W. ROBERTS,
Meteorologist.

THE FARMERS' UNION.

Broadly speaking, they may be di-
vided into two generic groups: The
farmer who farms the farmer; and,
again, the farmer who tills the soil,
who uses his brains and the activities
of his mind and body to produce the
crops that grow out of the ground,
and who stands up manfully when
comes times of anxiety and peril and
uses language like this:

"Let us stand together as a
man; raise every kernel of wheat
we can raise, and, when the war
is over, let us bring in our ac-
counting if we have an account to
bring."

We quote from an address by W. K.
Doseley, of Dickinson county, in a
conference in this city the other day
Charles J. Brand, of the markets
grading bureau of the agricultural
department at Washington. And we
say it because it is the message of
the real farmer and not the farmer
whose harvest is the spoils of politics.

And again referring to the real farmer
there convenes in this city today
a meeting of the North Dakota Farmers'
Educational and Co-operative Union,
an organization founded in Bismarck
three years ago, and which
through its merits and virtues has
spread into twenty-seven states and in
its national scope embraces a mem-
bership of some five million farmers,
whose object it is to assist each other
in buying and selling, to inculcate
scientific methods and to bring farm-
ing in a business and commercial
sense up to the standards of the more
co-ordinated callings.

As a constructive organization the
union has already been the source of
much good not only to North Dakota,
but to the country at large. It is fol-
lowing the course which leads to a
greater future.

WORD TO THE WISE.

When we read about the drastic pro-
ceedings of the governments of Great
Britain, Canada, Australia, France and
Italy, we must admit that, thus far,
we have only been playing at economy
and conservation. We have saved
some fuel and eaten a little less of
sugar and bacon and more of corn
meal. But most of us are still prac-
tically on a basis of pleasure and busi-
ness as usual.

It is to be a long war. Russia testi-
fies to this. The stalemates on nearly
all the battlefronts testify to it. Germany
has finally got to be licked in Germany.

Thus far, our government has, largely,
merely asked. It will have to com-
mand and commandeer.

If the above assertions are true, the
wise manufacturer who is geared up
to the bloody business. They ask Ger-
many not to send her forces from the
Russian front to the fronts of the
allies, during armistice. What does
Germany reply? You've guessed it.

more nearly confined to the essen-
tials.

There may long be business as us-
ual, but when our people confront the
necessity now facing foreign peoples
it will be a different business.

PRO-GERMAN SOCIALISM AND
PATRIOTISM.

Those who fear the growth of social-
ism during the war might take a tip
from the American Federation of La-
bor. For years the socialists in the
organized labor movement have been
trying to capture the Federation.

At the recent meeting in Buffalo
members of the Federation didn't di-
vide into democrats, republicans and
socialists; they divided on the lines of
loyalty and pro-German socialism.

And pro-German socialism didn't have
a look in.

The socialist vote will grow during
the war. That is to be expected, for
the pro-German element of the Amer-
ican socialist party captured the St.
Louis convention and inveigled
against the war. Under the leadership
of Hillquit, Berger and Germer the
majority took a stand that helps kais-
serism, and drove from the party such
men as Russell, Walling, Spargo,
Phelps Stokes, Sinclair and other pro-
American socialists. The policy of
the majority is to yell for peace while
the kaiser wants it, and before kaiser-
ism is licked.

Quite naturally the pro-Prussian
pacificists, and the disloyal element
among so-called German-Americans
will vote with the party that lends
the most aid and comfort to the en-
emy, and that will swell the socialist
vote. But if the loyal, pro-American
vote in other elections during the war
has sense enough to vote as Ameri-
cans rather than as narrow partisans,
the kaiser's sympathizers in this coun-
try will be licked to a frazzle.

If ever there was a time when real
Americans should stand together in-
dustrially, financially, commercially
and politically, that time is now. The
people can well afford to lay aside
partisanship and stand by every man
who stands by the president and the
flag.

SOME ARE ALARMED.

Floyd Gibbons, a highly capable in-
vestigator and writer, now represent-
ing the Chicago Tribune at the front
in France, has written, under date
of Paris, Nov. 20, a letter to Fed-
eral Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, which
the judge published and in which Mr.
Gibbons reports that thinking Ameri-
cans in Europe are now asking, "Are
we going to lick Germany?"

Mr. Gibbons says that America
hasn't accomplished one-tenth of what
she's got to do; that the Russian fiasco
means that America has got to make
much greater effort or surely be beaten,
and that "the fact is that the Hun-
is at the gate, and now it is the
American gate, our gate." He con-
cludes by saying that we know we
will never win this war by jabbing
ourselves with a morphine needle and
then raving about what an awful wal-
lop we are going to land on the boche.
In his opinion the view is alarming
and ought to be alarming.

The tone of Mr. Gibbons' letter is
not more remarkable than that the
letter ever got by the censor. The
letter is somewhat in corroboration
of the suspicion that the real status
of war affairs is being concealed from
the people and for that reason it
sounds almost treasonable. It is the
easiest thing in the world to promote
such suspicion and, consequently, loss
of public confidence, and, if the admin-
istration permits general publication
of matter of this character, it makes
a very serious mistake in not pre-
senting clearly and definitely, the
exact conditions, up to the limit. One
such clear exposition of the conditions
would be worth more than a
whole year of weekly statements of
what cabinet members think of the
war's progress. The folks are also
thinking, and they want to think
straight.

East Africa is cleared of Germans.
The kaiser loses a nice little farm of
34,000 square miles.

Ninety-four millions for navy aero-
nautics and a billion and thirty-two
millions for army aviation! Hear it,
kaiser?

About eight times as many married
as unmarried men pay income tax.
Oh, keep still, girls! We're not knock-
ing Cupid.

We would like a London cablegram
telling how loud old Wm. Waldorf
Astor, ex-American, is howling for
peace a la Lansdowne.

Scientific American calls Russia a
"kaleidoscope." Viewing the way heads
and tails change ends, over there, it
looks to us like a cat fight.

Head of the Deutsche bank of Ber-
lin says that the Germans are saving
three billion dollars annually of what
they used to spend for beer and
liquors.

The Bolsheviks put some humor in
to the bloody business. They ask Ger-
many not to send her forces from the
Russian front to the fronts of the
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HANGED AT SUN RISE FOR THE
MURDER OF HOUSTON CITIZENS
IN STREET RIOTS OF AUGUST

Condemned Know Nothing of the Hour Until Summoned by Guard
to Prepare for the End—Dozen Officers and Sheriff Only
Ones in Camp of 40,000 Men Advised of Time and Place—
Prisoners Meet Death Stoically and Silently.

SCENE OF EXECUTION IN LONELY MESQUITE
THICKET AND OBLITERATED GRAVES NEAR BY

No Ceremony at the Scaffold Beyond Brief Prayer by Chaplain—
In Half an Hour After Execution Scaffold Disappears and No
Sign is Left on Sage Brush Area to Indicate a Sign of Tragic
Event—Other Trials of Blacks to Follow.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 12.—Thirteen negroes, soldiers of the
Twenty Fourth United States Infantry, were hanged to death simultaneously at dawn yesterday in expiation of their murder of Houston citizens last August when members of that regiment engaged in riotous rioting in the city's streets. In the dark of the night army motor trucks conveyed the lumber for the scaffold to the little clearing in a lonely mesquite thicket on the big government reservation where the negroes convicted by court-martial, were to

5 O'CLOCK IN MORNING.

And there, by the light of bonfires, army engineers erected the death traps to which at 5 o'clock in the morning other motor trucks hurried the condemned negroes and the officers and men of the military guard. It was the army motor truck, the only incident which made this military execution different from previous ones, that enabled the officers in charge to keep secret the time and the place of the hanging.

THE ULTIMATE PENALTY.

And it was the army truck that so quickly obliterated all traces of the execution and carried the dead bodies to a place nearby which is as indistinguishable as the execution site, because no official announcement had been made of how the order of the court-martial had been carried out, and that the following men had paid the ultimate:

CHAPLAIN OFFERS PRAYER.

The men's feet were shackled, an army chaplain offered prayer. An officer called "attention" and as on parade, the negroes stood erect. They stood quickly while caps and nooses were adjusted, and then stepped on the traps. The major in charge of the execution gave a signal and soldiers sprung the traps.

PLUNGE OF NINE FEET.

The negroes plunged nine feet to an instant death.

Even after the execution and the return of the guard to camp, news of what had occurred did not spread through the camp or through the city until announced by newspapers. It created some demonstration among negroes who had followed the progress of the trial in the nature of "mournings" at a few negro churches. Crowds at these, however, were small.

FORTY-ONE LIFE SENTENCES.

No announcement has been made when the forty-one negro defendants given life sentences by the court-martial, will be taken to Fort Leavenworth.

Of the others, four were sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances due, and prison terms of two years and six months. Five were acquitted and sent to join their commands.

OTHER TRIALS FOLLOW.

In spite of the executions and announcement of the other sentences this morning, the riot at Houston is not a closed incident. Investigation is still in progress and it is expected additional court-martials will follow.

REPEITION OF SUCCESSFUL CIVIC
EVENT STAGED LAST YEAR IS
BEING PLANNED.

New Rockford, N. D., Dec. 12.—Inspired by the success of the community Christmas observance in New Rockford last year, the citizens are planning another civic Yuletide. The executive committee, consisting of Mayor George J. Schwoebel, chairman; Rev. Edwin Burling, secretary, and Rev. S. Hitchcock, J. H. Colton, Mrs. J. A. Manley and Mrs. W. F. Stewart, has named sub-committees on the tree, on purchases, general arrangements and program, decoration and treats, and the good work is going ahead satisfactorily. The biggest tree money can buy will be the central feature of the city's community Christmas, and it will be laden with gifts for everyone.

EXECUTION IN SECRET.

Aside from less than a dozen officers of the southern department and the sheriff of Bexar county, no one in the city or the army camps knew of the execution, date or place. The other negro defendants were ignorant of the fate of their companions until after the formal announcement had been made.

GUARD SUMMONED SILENTLY.

The condemned men were aroused this morning a few minutes before regular army reveille, 5:30 o'clock. The military guard had been summoned silently and no sound was heard in the camp where nearly forty thousand men were sleeping except the purring of the army truck motors awaiting their loads. The negroes dressed in their regular uniforms as carefully as for inspection.

HYMN A DEATH CHANT.

The negroes executed displayed neither bravado nor fear. They rode to the execution singing a hymn, but the singing was as that of soldiers on the march. Arrived at the clearing, they sang.

See "The Judgment House" at the Theatre tonight.

Tasty eatables, daintily served, properly priced, at the McKenzie dairy lunch.

We would like a London cablegram telling how loud old Wm. Waldorf Astor, ex-American, is howling for peace a la Lansdowne.

Scientific American calls Russia a "kaleidoscope." Viewing the way heads and tails change ends, over there, it looks to us like a cat fight.

Head of the Deutsche bank of Berlin says that the Germans are saving three billion dollars annually of what they used to spend for beer and liquors.

The Bolsheviks put some humor in to the bloody business. They ask Germany not to send her forces from the Russian front to the fronts of the allies, during armistice. What does Germany reply? You've guessed it.

RAIL PROBLEM
SUBSTANCE OF
NEW MESSAGE

Transportation Question Probably
Brings New Address Before
Holidays.

URGED TO APPOINT
FEDERAL EXECUTIVE

Adamson Declares President Must

TAKE OVER ROADS FOR WAR
PERIOD AT LEAST.

Washington, Dec. 12.—In his first public utterance on the railroad situation, President Wilson tonight authorized the newspaper correspondents to say he could not answer now the question as to whether he would address congress, but that he had given the matter most careful scrutiny and consideration, and if he determined greater momentum at the end.

Practically all the leading rails dropped to lowest prices of the year, some touched their minimums for a period of years, and a few made absolutely new minimums. Extreme recessions in this group ranged from three to six points.

PRESIDENT SEES WAR BOARD.

Tomorrow the president will see the members of the railroad war board, who asked for a conference today to submit information. The board, which speaks for the American Railway association, holds that the railways themselves can work out unification for the war without government control, and without repeal of anti-trading laws or a government loan.

It developed tonight Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and chairman of the government's war industries board had asked the heads of the four railroad employees brotherhoods to meet him here tomorrow for a conference. Mr. Willard said his purpose was to talk about questions pending before the industry board, but the fact that the brotherhood leaders would be here gave rise to general belief that they would be called into some of the various conferences on the big question of what the government is going to do about the railroads.

UNIFIED OPERATION.

Unified grew that the president finally will take the advice of those who are urging him to appoint a federal administrator to direct unified operation of transportation lines. At the re-opening of hearings before the joint congressional committee investigating transportation problems, Representative Adamson chairman of the house interstate commerce commission committee said the president would probably have to take over the roads for the period of the war and hold them after war until congress could provide some proper plan for peace time management.

It became known yesterday that the president will address congress on the transportation problem before the holidays.

BLAZING MUNITION
SHIP STEAMS INTO
HARBOR OF HALIFAX

Hardy Crew of Portsmouth Fire
Fighters Dispose of New

DANGER SOURCE.

MONT BLANC EXPLOSION
LAJ DTO CARELESSNESS

Halifax, Dec. 12.—With complete disregard for their own lives, in an effort to save this desolated city from another catastrophe, a group of Dartmouth citizens early today boarded a steamship said to have been laden with munitions, which was afire and was being abandoned hastily by her crew.

The vessel carried

SOCIETY

MILITARY WEDDING IN MINOT OF INTEREST HERE

An interesting account of the wedding of Miss Roxie Lavers Foss of this city to Lieutenant J. Earl McFadden of Cavalier which took place Sunday in the home of Judge and Mrs. E. B. Goss of Minot, appears in the Minot Daily News. It follows:

A wedding of interest to military circles throughout the state took place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Judge and Mrs. E. B. Goss of Eastwood Park, when Miss Roxie Lavers Foss became the bride of Lieutenant J. Earl McFadden. Rev. Erickson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiated and the ceremony had all the simple dignity of a military wedding.

Just before the ceremony, Mrs. J. R. Pence sang, "When Song is Sweet" (San Souci) and "I Love You Truly" (Lond), then Miss Mable Wright played Lohengrin's wedding march. Lieutenant McFadden and his bride entered the room, and took their place under an arch, decorated with a large American flag. They were ushered in.

The bride was gowned in a taupe messaline costume of Quaker design and wore a huge corsage bouquet of rosebuds and sweet peas.

After the ceremony refreshments were served from a number of small tables arranged in the dining room. The rooms were transformed into a perfect bower of roses, lilies and carnations, intermingled with small American flags.

The bride frequently visited friends here, she being a sister of Miss Anna Bell Foss who was a graduate from the local high school. She attended school at Balfour and Velva, and after finishing entered one of the hospitals at Bismarck where she trained for a nurse. When the call for Red Cross nurses was made she was among the first to offer her services in France and is a member of the Bismarck surgical section of which Major J. P. Quain is head. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. S. Baker of Rushford, N. Y.

Lieutenant McFadden is a graduate of the college of liberal arts and law school of the University of North Dakota and has been practicing law at Cavalier. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta academic fraternity and also the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity.

Lieutenant McFadden and his bride left yesterday afternoon for Neche, where they will spend a day visiting Lieutenant McFadden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McFadden.

Lieutenant McFadden entered the second officers training camp at Fort Snelling and received the commission of First Lieutenant in the reserve corps. He has been ordered to report at camp Dodge.

The guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hanson and son, Mrs. Anna Hanson, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Pence and daughter Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Helmuth De La and daughters Helen and Lenore of Velva, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Pence, Mr. and Mrs. Otto P. La and daughter Margaret, Miss Marion Goss, Miss Mable Wright, Tudor Owen and Lieutenant Melvin B. Johnson.

Guild Meeting. St. George's guild of St. George's Episcopal church will meet Thursday afternoon in the parish house.

Church Society Meets. The Ladies' Aid society of the Swedish Lutheran church will meet Thursday afternoon in the church parlors with Mrs. D. Sundquist as hostess.

Special Services Tonight. Special services will be conducted tonight in the Evangelical church by Bishop G. Heinmiller, D. D., of Cleveland, O. The services will be conducted in English and all members of the church and congregation are asked to hear Bishop Heinmiller.

Go South. Lieut. Addison Falconer, who has been spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Falconer of Avenue E, left last night for Camp Crockett, Galveston, Texas. Lieut. and Mrs. Robin A. Day, a bride and groom of Sunday, December 2, and the latter a sister of Lieut. Falconer have arrived at San Antonio, Texas, where Lieut. Day has been ordered to report at Camp Travis.

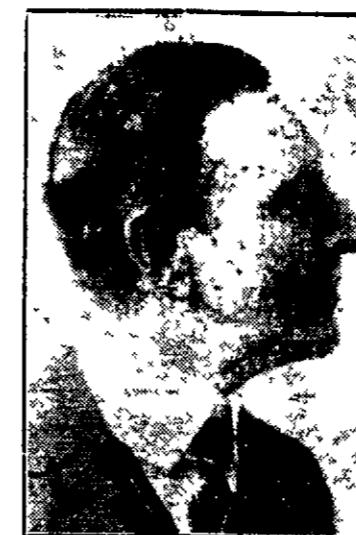
Library Club Meets. The "L. S." recently formed organization of the graduate librarians of the Capital City, met Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Charles Hageman of Third street. Library matters, current events and recipes for food conservation were discussed. Miss Helen Frances Carleton, head of the traveling library department of the state educational library, contributed a piano number and the hostess served a war luncheon, prepared from late war recipes.

Mothers' Club Meets. The Mothers' Social club held a social meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. D. T. Owens in Fifth street and listened to a musical program presented by Dorothy Parsons, Alta Jones, pianist, and Mrs. Ellis Putnam, soprano. The roll call was responded to by Christmas ideas and an enjoyable social hour followed the program. The club will discontinue its meetings until after the first of the new year.

Congregational Meeting. The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held this evening in the church auditorium when the election of trustees and elders will take place. An informal reception will also be held for the new members received in December and a program will be given by Miss Lancetta Steele, Miss Caspary, John Hughes, Paul Graham and Mrs. M. P. Moore. A short business session will precede the program.

Nurses Given Farewell. A large number of friends of Miss Carrie Goodman and Miss Emma Koenig gathered at the Soo depot this morning to bid them farewell before their departure for the Great Lakes naval training station, where they have been assigned for government duty. The Bismarck Hospital Nurses' Alumnae presented Miss Goodman and

Is Truth Funny? Max Figman Makes It Seem So in Speedy Comedy



"THE SPIES" WILL BE SHOWN AGAIN TONIGHT

Arrangements have been made to show the wonderful William Fox production "The Spy" again tonight in order to give those who attended "Turn to the Right" last night an opportunity to see George Bronson Howard's sensational exposé of the traitors agents in America. This same production played the Globe theatre, New York, for two weeks at price ranging from twenty-five cents to one dollar. "Loyal American" please note no one in presenting "The Spy" George Bronson Howard's sensational exposé of the traitors agents in America. William Fox keenly appreciates the fact that thousands of Americans of German birth or descent are giving the United States their undivided loyalty. This play of course does not refer to them in any way. Justin Duran is at his very best in this photoplay and is supported by an all star cast. Everyone present last night spoke highly upon this production as being among the best ever shown in Bismarck. "The Spy" will be shown to-night at the Orpheum only. Two performances will be given starting at 7:15 sharp. Do you know your neighbor?

PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. J. J. Schmidt and two children returned to their home in Wilton to-day after a short visit with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swett, of Avenue A.

Mrs. John Cowan and son of Third street have gone to Jamestown, where they have been called on business.

Mrs. A. W. Gussner and child, the latter who has been undergoing treatment in the Bismarck hospital, returned today to their home in Rosser street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kelvan and children have arrived in the city from Benedict and will reside at 518 Sixth street.

Albert Bork returned last night to his home in Sherburn, Minn., after a visit here with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bork, of Thayer street.

Palmer Strandemo of Underwood has arrived in the city and will spend the winter here attending the Bismarck Business college.

ADAMS
Pure Chewing Gum

a Stick a day
keeps
Indigestion
away



BLACK JACK

PLAINTIFF WINS.

Jamestown, N. D., Dec. 12.—Jacob Schoeler defendant in a suit brought by Mrs. Movius and Wood to secure payment for medical services alleged, has a new cure for appendicitis.

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The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs.

See "The Judgment House" at the Bismarck Theatre tonight.

BUYING HAY HERE.

Harry Stewart of Tolley, representing a number of Ward county farmers, has contracted for 600 tons of hay on the bottoms south of Bismarck, and he is now here superintending the hauling of the hay preparatory to shipping it north over the Soo.

SIX JURORS SECURED.

Moorehead, Minn., Dec. 12.—Seven jurors, six of them farmers and one a farm laborer, had been aced on a noon today to try Frei Anderson, charged with killing George Shoffield, telegraph operator, in the Monroe station here, three months ago. Anderson is being tried in the clay county district court before Judge Fosser, of St. Cloud, Minn.

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"TURN TO THE RIGHT"

Winchell Smith and John L. Golden Farce Filled with Heart Throbs

"Turn to the Right," a farce comedy with a heart-throb in every scene, filled with smart eyes last evening with alternate tears of purest joy and sincerest sain meat. The Winchell Smith John L. Golden setting of the play which proved Smith's and John E. Hazzard's greatest success in New York appealed to the Capital City at the Auditorium as one of the real things of a rather remarkable season.

The house was filled, which was as it should be. And from the prologue in an Oregon pawn shop where Joe Bascom met his prison pals Mugg and Gally, to the last beautiful scenic effect, when Joe and Elsie from the long-dreamed-of home on the hill signal lights out, everyone held the trials and triumphs of the stage folk a all out just joy of neighbor people.

Ma' Bascom's homely kitchen must have taken a lot of us back to our childhood days. We know of just such a kitchen down Iriany-way with just such a kitter down Iriany-way with just such a cistern pump and just such a draw wood box and red da mask table cloth to go on after the white cover came off all all all. And Ma' Bascom somehow don't seem a bit too good to be true, because she was so typical of the average American mother who is about the dearest and best mother on earth.

Just as the last act he kind such a play merited Ralph Morgan was plain grown up good hearted, honest boy in Joe Bascom Harry McCloud as Muggs and William F. ran as Gally were two delightful scenes in whose reformation everyone rejoiced. James H. Huntley's Deacon Tillinghast had everyone searching their memories for a prototype, and Philip



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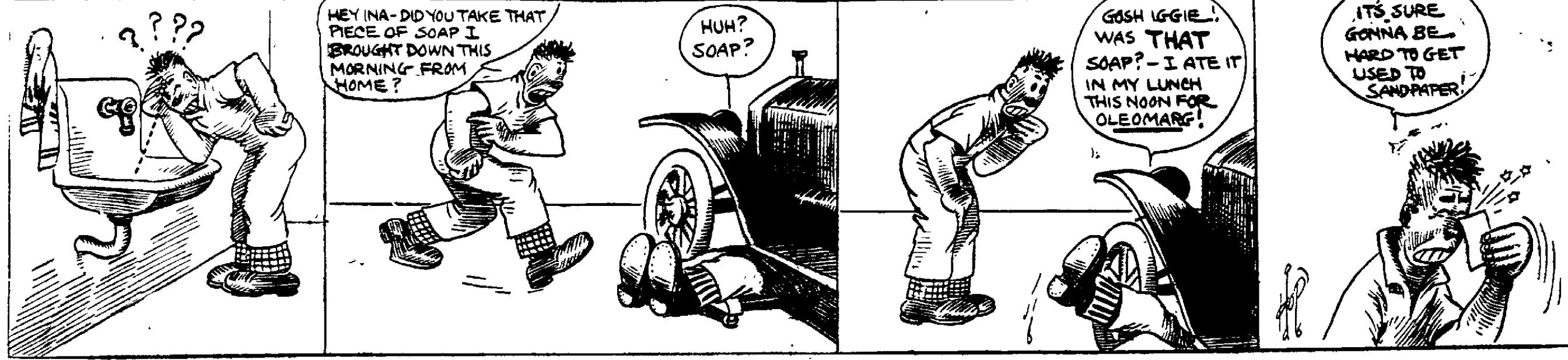
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Americanism Will be an Issue in Primary Fight To Soon Begin in State

For the first time in many years, made, carrying with it a stipend, with the June primaries only six months distant, political gossip in North Dakota is overshadowed by a bigger issue. It is doubtful whether any one thing could better indicate how entirely North Dakota is absorbed in the war, for it must be confessed that in this great Flickertail state politics has found the meat and daily bread of 99 per cent of the males and not a small proportion of the female population in years past.

The Republican Nomination.

Governor Frazier, it is anticipated, will seek renomination on the Republican ticket. It carried with it a big advantage, as Patrick M. Casey can consistently. If the leaguers enrol as consistently as Republicans as they did in the last primaries, 'twould take a strong combination of Democrats, turned Republicans, and Republicans independent of the league to prevent Frazier's carrying off the bacon. And it's quite generally acknowledged that whomsoever secures the Republican nomination, whether it be Frazier or Langer or Kositzky, or an independent, hands the fellow on the other ticket a big handicap to overcome.

As to independent candidates, but two names have been openly mentioned to date about the capitol. One of these is John M. Steen, state treasurer, the only independent Republican candidate who succeeded in overcoming the league majority last year. The other is E. G. Quamme. Steen has declined to consider seriously a suggestion that has come from his home-folk in the northern part of the state. If Mr. Quamme entertains any political bees, he has kept their buzzing well to himself.

The Lesser Lights.

John N. Hagan, as commissioner of agriculture, and A. S. Olsness, commissioner of insurance, are regarded very strong candidates to succeed themselves. The same is true of N. C. Macdonald, state superintendent of public instruction, who appears very well entrenched in his office.

There will be three members of the railway commission to be elected, and the present commissioners undoubtedly will be candidates to succeed themselves, unless M. P. Johnson, president of the state Equity, should, as some of his friends have suggested, have an eye on the governorship.

Johnson has not been altogether regular since the chairmanship of the board was

dangled in front of his eyes and then handed to another, after President Townley has conceived a distaste for

Bruce Will Run.

But one member of the supreme court is to be elected in 1918. Chief Justice A. A. Bruce's term expires.

While the jurist has given no indication of his intentions, friends are insisting that he be a candidate for re-election, and they express confidence that he can be re-elected.

The chief justice's militantly patriotic stand during the war has won him hosts of new admirers. He has a strong following among the university men and members of the state bar.

William S. Langer, the present attorney general, is said to covet a place on the supreme bench. He is also said to have eyes on a senatorial toga.

He would be barely old enough when Gronna's term expires four years hence to be admitted to the United States senate.

At the present writing he is just past the minimum age for membership in the supreme court of the state.

E. B. Totten of Bowman already is announcing himself as the league's choice.

From time to time reports crop out that William Lemke, chairman of the Republican state central committee one of the governing board of the league and a man very active in its councils, would like to sit on the supreme bench or go to the United States senate.

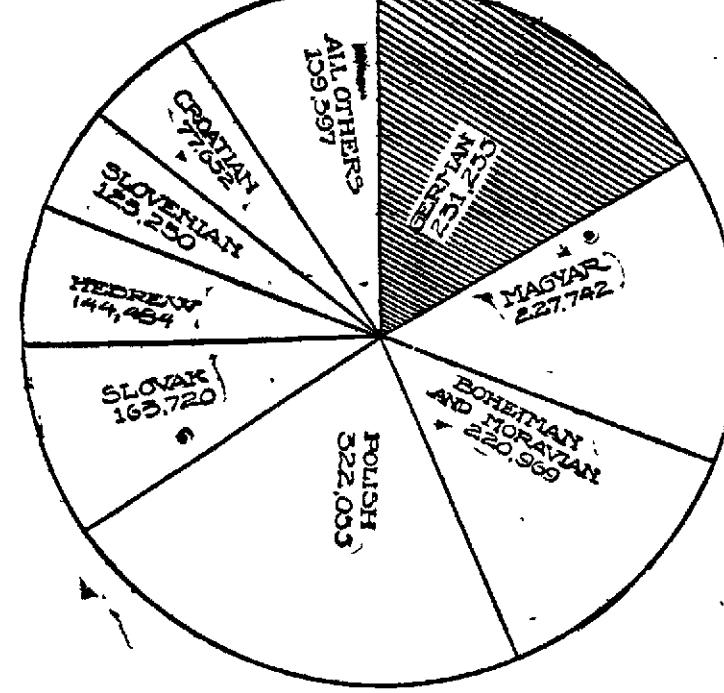
The two Bills are sufficiently friendly to probably arrange this little matter between themselves, providing the remainder of the league leaders are willing.

The Governorship.

There has been some talk of Langer being a candidate for governor. Little credence is given these rumors, however. More probable, if possible, is the candidacy of Karl Kostky, state auditor, for the gubernatorial chair. The state auditor has been very much on the job during his first year in office, he has managed to get a full share of favorable publicity for his work, and even his recent tilt with the attorney general over the matter of the supreme court's expense money seems to have won him favor with many farmers. He has a batch of letters in his desk which would indicate that this sparring match has, at least, done him no harm with the rank and file of the league.

There has been no visible friction between the governor and the state auditor. The governor undoubtedly will seek re-election, and it is to be presumed he will have the endorsement of the league. Frazier has been a very loyal party man in his administration. Every appointment he has

LESS THAN ONE-SEVENTH OF AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS IN AMERICA ARE GERMANS



In the diagram above, based upon the census bureau's statistic, it is seen that the German speaking Austro-Hungarians born residents in America number but 331,555 as against

227,742 Polish speaking Austro-Hungarians here, and 227,742 Magyars, 227,742 Slovaks, 114,484 speaking Hebrew and Yiddish, 123,250 Slovenians, 77,652 Croatians, and 159,387 of all other Austro-Hungarian tongues, Ruthenian, Bulgarian, Russian, Serbian, Italian, Greek, Lithuanian, and others, a total of 1,670,524.

Of American born of one or two Austrian parents there are 826,635 in the United States and 204,627 of Hungarians.

The middle Atlantic states—New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania—have the largest Austrian born population, 753,557, and also the largest Hungarian born, 267,951. Pennsylvania has more Austrians than any other state, 251,774, and more Hungarians, 123,498.

Meanwhile the Dreyfus scandal had occurred in France, and Dr. Theodore Harzl, a Viennese journalist who reported the last trial of the historic scapegoat, published a brochure entitled "A Jewish State," in which he summoned the Jews of the world to revive their nationality and claim at the hands of the powers "a publicly recognized, legally secured homeland in Palestine." Inspired by this book, a call was issued for a congress, which was held in Basle, Switzerland, in 1897, and the Zionist organization which today has branches throughout the world, was organized. The Zionist organization undertook firstly, political negotiations for recognition of the Jewish nationality and its claims on Palestine; and secondly, the fos-

Iggie begins to FEEL the war



Settlers of the new type began to come also to Jerusalem, where, as in the other towns, they formed modern suburbs outside the old, over-crowded city. In town and country alike the new settlers have brought with them European energy and ideals of progress.

The Arabs have not unnaturally felt some jealousy of the Jewish colonies, which compare so favorably with their own primitive villages, but they realize that economically the coming of the Jewish settlers has been greatly to their advantage, and they have accepted it as a matter of course that the Jewish colonists shall make their own local laws and regulations, as they build their own homes. Thus the Jewish colonies in Palestine have enjoyed a measure of independence and self-government which will be impossible in a more highly developed and closely controlled country. They have had to work out for themselves their own political and municipal problems.

A brisk influx of brave young laborers on the one hand, and of enterprising capitalists on the other, was particularly noticeable in Palestine during the last few years before the war. The Jewish population of Palestine now bears a higher proportion to the total number of inhabitants of the country than does the Jewish population in any other country in the world.

The old Jewish settlers are those whose religious sentiment drew them to Palestine, in most cases after they have passed the prime of life, to spend their remaining years in prayer and study on holy grounds. For the most part they have been from the outset, or have become in the course of time, dependent on charity. This evil has extended to their children, and their children's children.

Very different are the settlers of the new type, who went there under the impulse of Jewish nationalism. They sought a foothold first of all outside the towns, in the plains of Judea and Galilee. As their agricultural colonies grew and their productivity increased, they brought business to the seaport towns of Jaffa and Haifa, and side by side with the development of the colonies there proceeded a rapid Jewish immigration into those towns.

Whether by coincidence or design, it is noteworthy that the American council in London, extending its greetings to the Zionists leaders on the official declaration in their favor by the British government, used the identical phrase that fell from the lips of the pope.

Germany, too, indicated its willingness to permit a Jewish state in Palestine, naturally under its over-ownership. But since England's declaration, there has been a revision of feeling in Teutonic circles.

Since the fall of Jerusalem before the overwhelming legions of Rome, and the Jewish dispersion from Palestine, the liturgy of that people has been burdened with prayer for the restoration. Through the centuries there have been various attempts to re-establish the Jewish people on their ancient land, but nothing of a serious character is recorded prior to 1860, when the "Alliance Israélite Universelle" of Paris began operating in Palestine. The first thing done by the alliance was to establish an agricultural school, for which the Turkish government donated 625 acres of land near Jaffa. A school was opened in 1870 under the name of "Mikvah Israel."

In 1878 Laurence Oliphant, an English explorer, visited Palestine and became an advocate of Jewish resettlement of the country. But not until the 90's, when the first Jewish massacres occurred in Russia, was the foundation laid for the present Jewish colonization. There were organized, throughout Russia, "Bilu" societies, composed of intelligent Jewish young men, who determined to become pioneers of Palestine colonization.

Under their auspices a colony "Rishon le Zion" (first for Zion) was established on the road between Jaffa and Jerusalem. They found a land atrophied, barren, waterless, exposed to the pitiless glare of the tropical sun, rotting into morass and swamp, and were almost entirely surrounded by savage nomads.

We are thrilled with the story of the Pilgrim Fathers who fought their way to success from the precarious foothold in bleak Plymouth. All the valor, the unquenchable courage of the Pilgrim Fathers was displayed by these Jewish young men from the universities of Russia. In 32 years, from 1882-1914, this handful of pioneers grew to some 15,000 Jewish farmers in Palestine, strongly organized in 40 villages.

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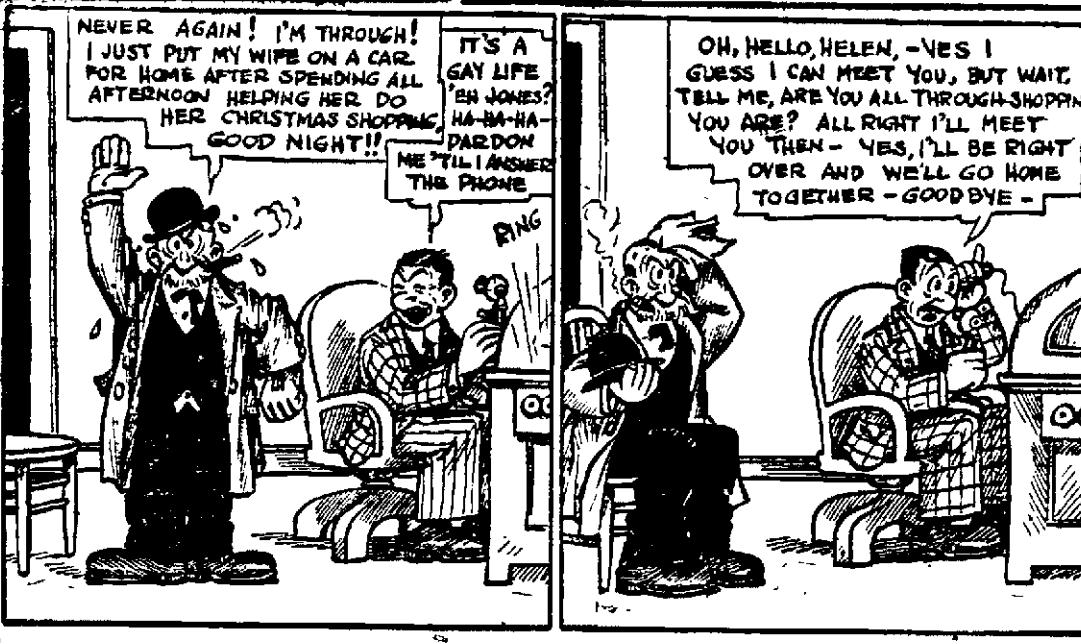
WANTED—To buy several hundred bushels of feed cord. Phone or write North Dakota State Penitentiary, Bismarck, N. D. giving price 11-28-3

FOR SALE—Only (estate in North) Dakota town of 1,000 population reason for selling—must go to warmer climate. R. F. Jarvin, Gle. Hill, N. Dak. 10-18-3

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS.

By Allman

THERE IS NO RIGHT SYSTEM



M'CLEAN COUNTY MAKES FINE EDUCATIONAL STIRDES

Washburn, N. D., Dec. 12.—The educational stirdes made in M'CLean county, coincident with its general development, are revealed in some statistics compiled by County Superintendent M. E. McCurdy. With the number of improvements which have been carried out this year, Mr. McCurdy declares that this county stands in the forefront, with respect to educational facilities, for towns of their size in any county in North Dakota and even in surrounding states.

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ACCIE TO TRAIN VOCATIONALISTS

Fargo Institution Selected at Special Meeting of State Board of Education

The state agricultural college has been selected as the North Dakota institution for the training of vocational teachers, announced State Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Macdonald.

This action was taken at a special meeting of the state board of education held Tuesday. Dr. E. F. Lado, president of the agricultural college, is chairman of the state committee on vocational training, whose members are Edward Erickson of Bismarck, state inspector of rural and consolidated schools; E. R. Edwards, state high school inspector; Dr. F. W. Smith, president of the Bottineau school of forestry, and Superintendent Macdonald.

Under the Smith-Hughes federal act \$15,200 will be available for vocational training in North Dakota this year, and this amount will be increased each year until a maximum of \$50,000 is reached in 1923. The state is now spending more money on vocational training than is required in order that it may benefit under the Smith-Hughes act.

DULLAM CHAIRMAN FOR BURLEIGH ON STAMP SALE DRIVE

Well Known Bismarck Man will Push Campaign—Heads Named for Other Counties

G. F. Dullam today was advised by State Director George H. Hollister of his appointment as chairman for Burleigh county for the thrift stamp drive which is to be made soon for the sale of the 25-cent savings-stickers which are to be exchanged in amounts of \$4 for the interest-bearing savings stamps, maturing in five years at \$5. Mr. Dullam will name his assistants at once and a thorough campaign will go on for the sale of thrift stamps in Burleigh county. The stickers have been on sale at the postoffice, banks and various other places for several days past, but no effort has been made to push them.

Other Chairmen Named.

Chairmen for 33 counties were announced by Director Hollister yesterday as follows:

C. T. Peterson, Hettinger, Adams county; H. C. Young, Bowman, Burleigh county; G. F. Dullam, Bismarck, Burleigh county; R. H. Farmer, Plaxton, Burke county; W. C. Caldwell, Monongah, Dickey county; R. L. Rousseau, Crosby, Divide county; C. E. Peterson, Killdeer, Dunn county; J. F. Swenson, New Rockford, Eddy county; Vard Worstell, Carrington, Foster county; M. C. Bachelder, Grand Forks, Grand Forks county; T. E. Sweger, Cooperstown, Griggs county; Leonard J. Algire, Beach, Golden Valley county; V. H. Crane, Mott, Hettinger county; J. J. A. Prescott, Steele, Kidder county; C. M. Holbert, Laramore, LaMoure county; L. G. Scheeler, Napoleon, Logan county; A. C. Berg, Townes, McHenry county; A. T. Tymeson, Jr., Garrison, McLean county; A. J. Ross, Stanley, Mountrail county; S. L. Nichols, Mandan, Morton county; E. H. Smart, Lakota, Nelson county; James McEwen, Cavalier, Pennington county; L. J. Bleeker, Lisbon, Ransom county; Frank H. Hyland, Devils Lake, Ramsey county; George Van Arman, Wahpeton, Richland county; Charles Ellington, Sharpen, Steele county; R. R. Wolfer, Jamestown, Stutsman county; R. G. Glarum, McClusky, Sheridan county; F. D. Casey, Dickinson, Stark county; Thos. S. Farr, Hillsboro, Traill county; H. C. Depuy, Grafton, Walsh county; R. H. Eppard, Minot, Ward county.

See "The Judgment House" at the Bismarck Theatre tonight.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Arrangements have been made to show the wonderful William Fox production

THE SPY

7 Smashing Acts
George Bronson-Howard's
Exposure of the Kaiser's Agents in America

Feturing DUSTIN FARNUM

Orpheum Theatre

LAST TIME TONIGHT

7:15 and 9:00

RAIL BOARD NOT IN FAVOR OF N. P. TIME SAVER IDEA

Commissioner Advises General Freight Agent Free Time and Average Agreement Stand

Secretary Calderhead of the railway commission today advised Henry Blakeley, general freight agent for the Northern Pacific, that the commission cannot consent to a reduction of the "free time" on coal cars from 48 hours to 24, nor to the elimination of the average agreement, which allows elevators handling coal another 48 hours in which to load out the cars. The free time arrangement means that no demurrage shall be charged on a car loaded with coal until the dealer has had 48 hours in which to unload. Under the average agreement an elevator may retain a car four days without paying demurrage, and if it chooses to consume 3 1/2 days in unloading, can load the car out in the remaining half-day the agreement will have been abided by.

MANDAN MAY HAVE THREE-DAYS MEET OF STATE BANKERS

Executive Committee Selects July 10 and 11 as Positive Dates; Third Probable

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 12.—Mandan may be the first city in the state to enjoy a three days' session of the North Dakota Bankers' association. The executive committee met Tuesday in Fargo, determined upon July 10 and 11 as positive dates for the next convention to be held here, and agreed that a third day should be added if a majority deem it advisable, which is regarded probable.

The Slope members of the executive committee who attended the session in Fargo on Tuesday was Alfred White of Dickinson.

FEDERAL COAL ORDER IGNORED

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Governor Cox went over the heads of federal fuel administration officials today and has taken the Ohio coal shortage problem in his own hands. The first move today was to order solid trainloads of coal assembled and sent immediately to points in the state, most seriously in need of fuel. The order is directly contrary to instructions of F. C. Baird, federal fuel administrator in charge of the Lakes coal pool, Cleveland, refused by long distance telephone today to sanction such action.

BRITISH TONNAGE KEEPS STEP WITH DESTRUCTION

London, Dec. 12.—British tonnage completed in the month of November was within measurable distance of the tonnage losses in that period by enemy attacks. It was announced in the House of Commons today by Sir Leo Money, parliamentary private secretary to the ministry of munitions.

OLD LANDMARK GOES

Beach Opera House Destroyed by Spectacular Fire.

Beach, N. D., Dec. 12.—An old landmark was destroyed when the Beach opera house fell prey to an early morning fire which consumed building and furnishings complete. Insurance to the extent of \$4,000 was carried on the structure. The blaze was a spectacular one, endangering a large portion of the city.

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German Boy Refuses to Serve Because He Has Brother With Sammies

Beach, N. D., Dec. 12.—A 16-year-old brother of Sheriff S. A. Smith, writing from his home in Germany, near the Danish line, advises that he has declined to fight in the German army, advising the draft board when called that he had a brother fighting for Uncle Sam and that he didn't wish to take a chance of shooting him or being shot by him. While the officers were debating as to what to do with the rebellious youngster, he skipped over the line to Copenhagen, where another brother, wounded in the battle of Verdun, now is practicing law. Speaking of food conditions, the boy writes that a family fortunate enough to have a cow is allowed but a quart of milk daily from the animal, the remainder going to the army. The same is true of a farmer who kills a hog. He may retain only ten pounds for his own use, the remainder of the pork being commanded for the army. School children may have one slice of bread, without

butter, for luncheon and no more leather shoes are taken from their possessors and given to the soldiers.

TRYED TO BUST GOAT; BILLY WAS AN ELK AND KID IS IN FOR REPAIRS

Burnstad, N. D., Dec. 12.—Inspired by the wild west stunts daily performed by his elders in the pursuit of their duties, Herbert Hirsch, nine-year-old son of George Hirsch, while a guest of the Burnstad children on the Yo ranch, attempted to prove his prowess by "busting" a billy-goat. The goat lived up to the best traditions of its craft, and young Hirsch was taken to Ashley for reinforcements to his collar.

Don't delay that Xmas suit or over coat order. Place it today with Klein tailor and cleaner. Dec. 11 51 III.

BISMARCK CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASON'S ELECTS EXECUTIVE

A. G. Jacobson Heads Local Lodge for Ensuing Year—To be Installed Soon

Bismarck chapter, No. 10, Royal Arch Masons, held its annual election of officers Tuesday evening, naming for the ensuing year the following executives: Exalted high priest, A. G. Jacobson; king, R. R. Muntz; scribe, George Berndes; treasurer, G. F. Dullam; secretary, L. K. Thompson. The officers will be installed at a special meeting to be held soon, when the appointive officers, to be named by the high priest, also will be inducted into office.

SULTAN ILL.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—Dispatches received here by way of Vienna report that the Sultan of Turkey is seriously ill.

JOHNSON'S SPECIAL COAT SALE

One big lot of this season's newest Coats go on sale for the balance of this week.

ONE-HALF PRICE

See "The Judgment House" at the Bismarck Theatre tonight. Ladies and gents pressing and cleaning. Bryant Tailoring Co. Phone 783.

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY

That will appeal to every one who has any civic pride in the growth and welfare of a greater Bismarck.

During the past four years Bismarck has taken enormous strides in growth and development of business, which is the culmination of the untired efforts of big business men who have watched and waited for the fruits of their work. Businesses have been built to care for the ever increasing demand for the high class merchandise which is on a par both in quality and low prices with that offered in the metropolitan cities of the East. There is nothing in Bismarck but what does not come up to the high class standard of larger cities. There is not one in Bismarck, who lives in Bismarck now or who has in the past called this city his home but what does not have fond recollections of that friendliness which seems ever dominant at the present time. Long may that feeling live in this, the atmosphere which is wont to mingle between those who are living and hoping and working with all their ability and might both financially and physically to make Bismarck the one and only big city of North Dakota.

A prominent New York business man who visited Bismarck a few days ago predicted a wonderful future and commercial development, with a population, which in few years is destined to become twice that of the present time. Now let us all work to that end and there is no doubt that if every one who resides in Bismarck and the adjacent territory will work with this end in view and be the proud booster, that one can conscientiously say in five years from today—yes in ten years from today, or in fifteen years from today "I have helped to build this city."

Bismarck has every advantage of growing to be the foremost and largest city in North Dakota. It is the capital of this great state and there is plenty of punch and pep in the Bismarck business men. The citizens are all up and doing, fine residences are being built, streets are being paved, the residence district in summertime is beautiful to gaze upon with its broad boulevards and green trees; it has an enormous territory to draw from in a commercial way, and considering all the advantages there is nothing to deter the growth of Bismarck.

Now comes one of the stepping stones in helping to make Bismarck a great city. Everyone knows that with the growth of any city that the public utilities have proved a dominant part in the building of a community. The Bismarck Gas Company are going to make big improvements, and in a few months will commence the big spring drive in laying gas mains so that the streets may be paved and so that home owners may have the privilege of public utility service, with gas piped to their residence, and enjoy the service and have the advantage of a modern gas stove in their kitchen, with an instantaneous hot water heater in their basement, with hot water at any hour of the day or night; a gas plate in the basement for laundry purposes and for lighting of their homes or business places if they wish. There are thousands of uses for gas which will be told to the public later, but now comes the time when these improvements must be made to prepare for the growth of our city.

It will require about \$75,000 to make these improvements and the gas company has devised a way whereby the citizens can derive a financial benefit for their effort and at the same time be a stockholder in the company. Bonds to the amount of \$100,000 divided into denominations of \$250 per bond, will be offered to the citizens of Bismarck at a rate of 6% interest; the accumulative value or accrued interest derived from these bonds, if figured on the investment will pay the holder of a \$250 bond in return \$300. This interest can be combined quarterly, whereby the investment will be of greater value to the holder. All particulars can be had by inquiring at the offices of the Gas Company, or by postcard addressed to H. J. Chadwick, Bismarck Gas Co.

The issuing of these bonds has the hearty approval of the Bismarck Commercial Club and has been passed by the state of North Dakota. Every citizen is urgently appealed to for their support in this movement, which will not only be a great investment but will mean for the building and growth and welfare of a greater future city of Bismarck. "LET'S GO."

FRANK E. PLOYHAR, President
The Bismarck Gas Co.

H. J. CHADWICK, Manager.
Bond Sales Dept.